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# **FOUR CHARGED WITH VIOLENT CRIMES IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on July 2, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned an 11 count Indictment against LEZMOND MITCHELL, d.o.b. 9/17/81, JASON KINLICHEENIE, d.o.b. 9/4/82, JOHNNIE ORSINGER, d.o.b. 6/1/85 and GREGORY NAKAI, d.o.b. 5/31/80. This is a superceding indictment to one returned on November 21, 2001, against only Lezmond Mitchell and Jason Kinlicheenie..

The indictment alleges as follows:

### **COUNT 1**

**On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did, with premeditation and malice aforethought, willfully kill and murder Alyce R. Slim.**

**In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 and 1111.**

### **COUNT 2**

**On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, did, with intent to cause death or serious physical injury, take and attempt to take a motor vehicle, a 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck, Arizona license 843-FSB, VIN # 2GTEC19V111273052, that had been shipped, transported or received in interstate commerce, from Alyce R. Slim and Tiffany Lee by force, violence**

or intimidation and as a result caused the death of Alyce R. Slim and Tiffany Lee.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2119 and 2.

### COUNT 3

On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did, with malice aforethought and in perpetration and attempted perpetration of a robbery of a 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck, Arizona license 843-FSB, VIN # 2GTEC19V111273052 and other things of value, willfully kill and murder Alyce R. Slim and Tiffany Lee.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153, 1111, 2111 and 2.

### COUNT 4

On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did, by force, violence, and intimidation, take and attempt to take from the person and presence of Alyce R. Slim and Tiffany Lee, a 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck, Arizona license 843-FSB, VIN # 2GTEC19V111273052 and other things of value.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 2111 and 2.

### COUNT 5

On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did, with premeditation and malice aforethought, willfully kill and murder Tiffany Lee.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153, 2 and 1111.

### COUNT 6

On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did, with malice aforethought and in perpetration and attempted perpetration of a kidnaping, willfully kill and murder Tiffany Lee.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153, 1111, 1201(a)(2) and 2.

**COUNT 7**

On or about October 28, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL and JOHNNIE ORSINGER, each an Indian, did unlawfully seize, confine, kidnap, abduct and carry away, Tiffany Lee.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153, and 1201(a)( 2).

**COUNT 8**

On or about October 31, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL, JASON KINLICHEENIE and GREGORY NAKAI, each an Indian, did, by force, violence, and intimidation, take and attempt to take from the person and presence of Charlotte Yazzie of the Red Valley Trading Post in Red Valley Arizona, approximately \$5,542.32 in cash and other things of value.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 2111 and 2.

**COUNT 9**

On or about October 31, 2001, in the District of Arizona, LEZMOND MITCHELL, JASON KINLICHEENIE and GREGORY NAKAI did use, brandish and discharge a firearm, that is a shotgun and a rifle, during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is Robbery as alleged in Count 8, a felony prosecutable in a Court of the United States.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections, 924(c)(1)(A)(i, ii and iii) and 2.

**COUNT 10**

On or about October 31, 2001, in the District of Arizona, within the confines of the Navajo Indian Reservation, Indian Country, LEZMOND MITCHELL, JASON KINLICHEENIE and GREGORY NAKAI, each an Indian, did, by force, violence, and intimidation, take and attempt to take from the person and presence of Charlotte Yazzie of the Red Valley Trading Post in Red Valley Arizona, a purse and other things of value.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1153 and 2111 and 2.

**COUNT 11**

On or about October 31, 2001, in the District of Arizona, LEZMOND MITCHELL, JASON KINLICHEENIE and GREGORY NAKAI

**did use, brandish and discharge a firearm, that is a shotgun and a rifle, during and in relation to a crime of violence, that is Robbery as alleged in Count 10, a felony prosecutable in a Court of the United States. In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections, 924(c)(1)(A)(i, ii and iii) and 2.**

Violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1111, Premeditated First Degree Murder, carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine or both.

Violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 2119, Car-Jacking, resulting in death, carries a maximum sentence of death, life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1201(a)(2), Kidnaping, carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 2111, Robbery, carries a maximum sentence of 15 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 924(c), Using a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator.

The prosecution is being handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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